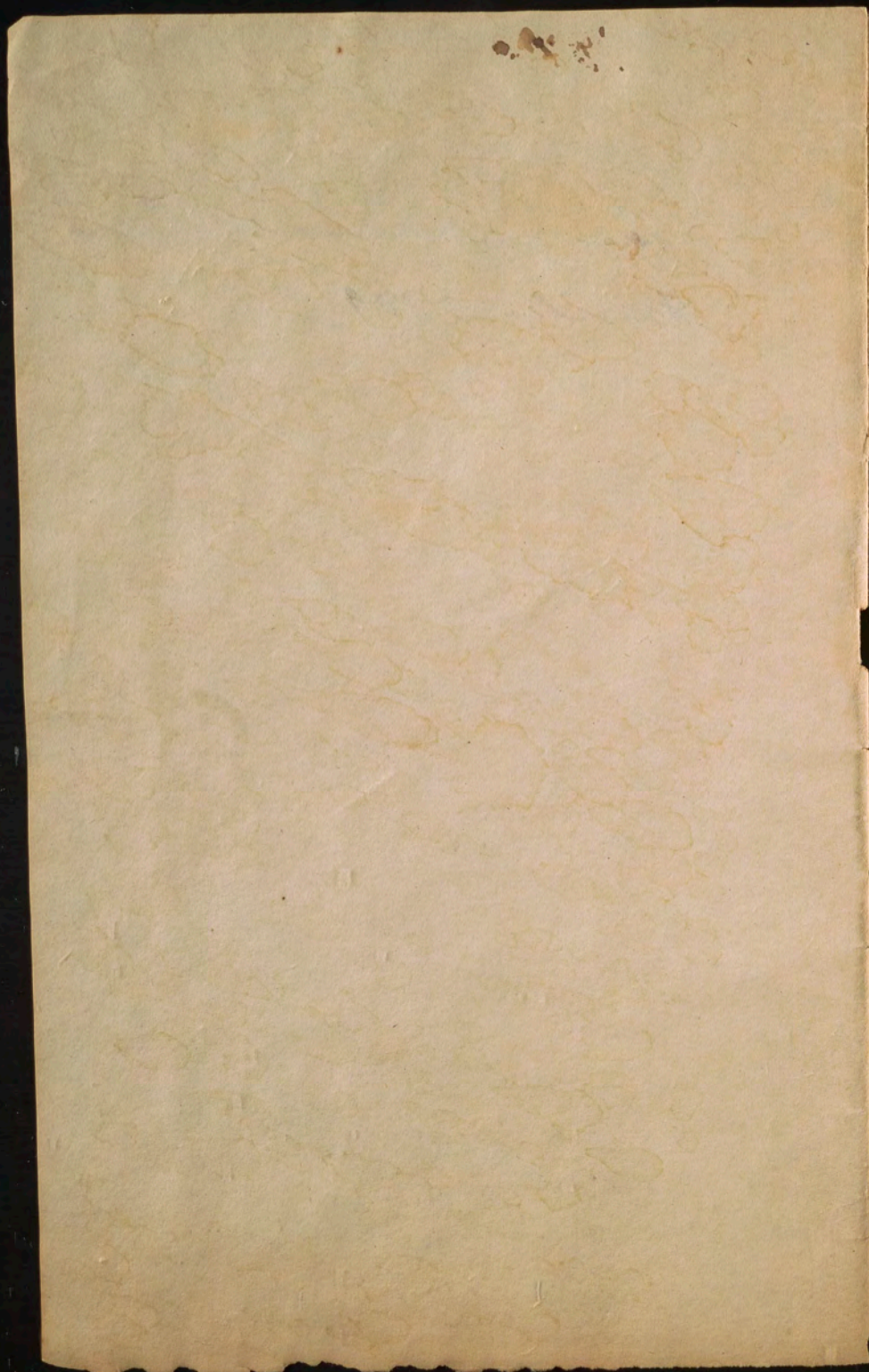


Examinations of Theses
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Mr Samuel Johnson -
on Cholera.

~~a short and little essay upon~~
To this dissertation I have no
objections. The author has described
it accurately, & suggested all the
usual remedies advised for its
cure, except exercise which ^{is} it
~~certainly it~~ perhaps hinted
at only in his ~~direct~~ recommend-
-ation of fresh Air, & a Change of
Scenes. —

on Dysentery - by
Mr Burston.

you have said p: 1. - To this
I object that there few acute dis-
-eases in which medicine affords
more certain relief, where a

Physician is called in the ^{early} first
stage of the disease. As this is ge-
-rally the case in cities, the disease
is seldom fatal in their practice.
It is fatal in the Country from
its being neglected in its first
stage, ~~and~~ ^{from} the early &
improper use of Astringents and
stimulating medicines. The Author
in the subsequent part of his thesis,
~~shows that he~~ ^{has} adopted Dr Denham's
opinion of the Dysenteries & remit-
-ting fever depending on the
Cause. viz: ^{putrid} ~~corrupted~~ exhalations.
1 - Why does the former appear
more frequently in cities than
in country places? 2 Why upon

the heights of a hill, than upon its
slopes frequently than upon its
Declivity - or in Vallies? —

3 Any other Cause than wash
Miasmata? — yes known
in billous & Variculous matter.

On Ascites by Mr Dods

This Thesis ~~was~~ contains all
that is known upon ~~this~~ this
form of Dropsy, and is entitled to
great credit for ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~correctness~~ &
lucid Order in which he has ar-
ranges his facts & reasonings. I
have no Objection to make to it.

On general Dropsy by
Mr Thompson.

In this Thesis ~~has~~ ^{the author} ~~great merit~~ &
discovers both industry & ingenuity.
He has very justly divided Dropsies

into tonic and Atonic, or in other
Words into Diseases of strength, and
weak morbid Action in the blood
Vessels, and has advised different
and opposite remedies for each of
them - for the former he had
advised W. ~~and related a case of~~
~~it~~ a remedy which tho' once
unpopular has lately been sold
with great success, ~~in~~ & particularly
in the Southern States. I have no
Objections to your Thesis. -

on the different States of
Purpura by Mr Perry.

In one place you have meant?
anti-pills. - do you mean them?

You have enumerated most of
the causes of ~~the~~ purpura - Does
not Gout produce it? -

~~2 When on the heights of a hill,~~
The author has given some cause
to prove the efficacy of the kucha
Snake root in Puerperia - but
from which it appears that medicine
still retains ^{its} character ^{of} given
being a useful addition to V&C
in the cure of inflamed diseases.

Mr Gibbons - on Apoplexy

He has very correctly enumerated
its remote and exciting causes.

But you have made a distinction
between Drunkenness & Apoplexy
^{or} does not appear to be well
founded. Drunkenness is certainly
a grade of apoplexy - and is ~~more~~
^{not} attended with many of its symptoms,

but now & then with its fatal
termination. again - you have
said Dumbness is attended with
a pallid face - Is this always
the case? ~~and~~ the reverse
of it - viz: a ~~swell~~ ^{red} face
supposed wth blood more common-
-ly characterizes it.

Mr Hamilton on the
Cyanus parotidea, or Mumps.
The author has stated all the
facts generally known upon
the subject of this disease. He
mentions its prevailing now
& then as an Epidemic, but
does not subscribe to Dr

Opinion

Hamilton, that it is ~~to~~
~~spread~~ ^{spread} by contagion. It
is ~~probably like the~~ I have
no objections to make to the
author's principles or practice.

on Tetanus by
M. C. Mattell.

I have read this dissertation with
pleasure and instruction. It
contains an epitome of all
that is known upon the
subject of this disease. The au-
-thor has mentioned from Dr
Hamilton of Edin: a new
opinion. It is that a
peculiar state of the alimentary
canal is connected with this

This disease. This is inferred
from the Costiveness which attends
it, and from a diseased state of
the bowels attending ~~Other~~ ^{hysteria,}
~~Chorea Sacra~~ Viti. ~~case~~ But I
cannot assent to this opinion.

- The ~~bowels~~ Costiveness is the
effect of the ^{very natural} ~~abstraction~~ of the
- excitement being translated to
the vessels. The ^{bulbular} ~~weakness~~ of
the Arteries arises from the
same cause. Costiveness attends
mania, and ^{yet we do not} ~~yet~~ ^{find its seat} ~~many of our~~
find its seat in the bowels.
The same thing may be said
of ~~from~~ several of the states
of fever which tho' attended.

with Antiveners have this pri-
-mary seat in the blood vessels. I
have only to add to these remarks
that I subscribe to ~~the~~^{every}
other opinion of fact contained
in this thesis, and that I
am the Author deserves credit not
only for his knowledge & ingenuity
in his profession, but for the
taste, order, and perspicuity,
~~and~~ which he has discovered
in ^{its} composition.

On Dysentery by
Mr Henderson

Mr H has done great justice
to his subject. His facts are numerous
& his reasonings correct as far
they relate to the theory of the

Disease. Perhaps he has ascribed
more to the influence of Cold as
~~its~~ remote Cause of ~~the~~ than is
just. It is certainly one of its
most frequent exciting Causes,
when the System is impreg-
nated with Malaria, or
humour viscerata. Upon the
whole & ^{I am bound to say} Mr Henderson has
done honor by his Disput^e both
to himself & to our University.

Our Detainers by M^r Jovin.

This Thesis has real merit, &
The Author has discovered ~~that~~
~~he has not been idle in~~ ^{reading} ~~prose~~
~~long as~~ ~~through~~ acquaintance
with the Disease of which he

treats. He has said very
properly that it affects horses
as well as the human
Species. Does it affect ^{but}
other Species of Animals than
Quadrupeds? - yes pigeons,
some had ~~cough~~ Opisthorchiasis
cured by Opium.

on pulmonary consumption
by Mr Hawkins

In this Disertⁿ the Author
^{it accurately}
has faithfully ~~enumerated~~
all the causes & remedies
of this deplorable Disease.
~~I have only to the in the~~
~~early~~ I have only to add

to my approbation of your
thesis, my advice to you to
prosecute this interesting
subject in the course of your
future studies & practice. The
Disease is not - it cannot be
incurable. A remedy ^{certainly} must exist
for it ~~was~~ in some of the great
resources of nature & art. Who
knows but a discovery of it may
be reserved for one of the ~~few~~
~~Mathematical~~ graduates of
1809? ^{In our University.} - may you be
that highly favoured child of
Science and Providence by whom
that blessing shall be conveyed
to the world! —

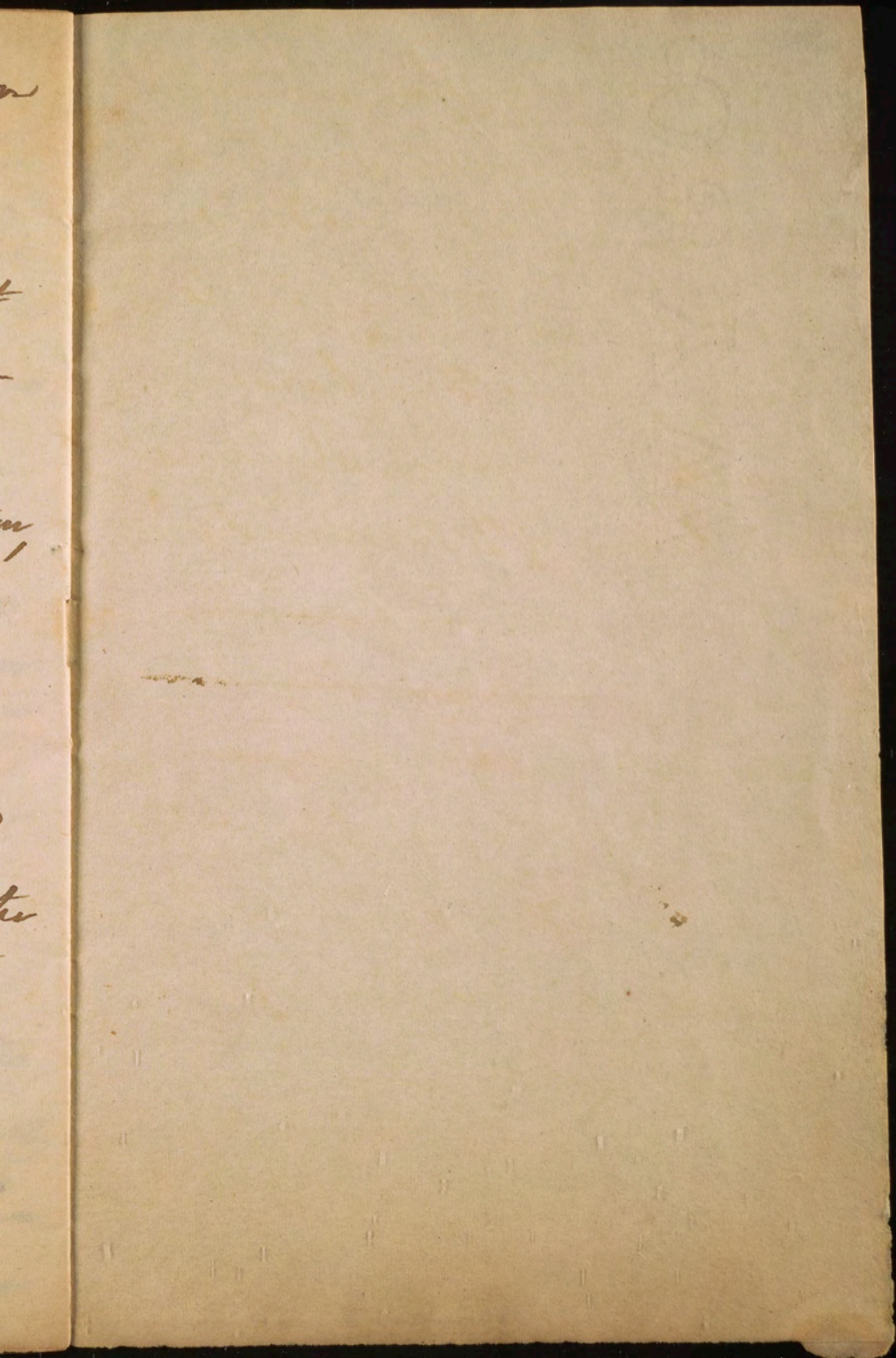
on animal life - by
Mr Channing. And it
has been the practice of the
critical
Professors in the University to
allow candidates for degrees to
dissent from the opinions ^{wh}
are taught ~~by the~~ in this
in this inaugural dissertation
University. Mr Channing has
availed himself of this liberty,
and has with great decency,
and with the liberality ~~of~~
opposed the doctrine of animal
life ~~taught by~~ suggested by Dr
Brown of Edin² and adopted &
taught in its fullest extent by
the Professor of the Institutes

of medicine in this University.

The arguments ~~against~~ this
Doctrine urged by ^WW^hanning,
discover ~~that~~ considerable
ingenuity, but they are by no
means conclusive; ~~the~~ ^{one}
the contrary: they ^{add to its} ~~prove that~~
Platibility. ~~that before the In~~
the ages of pagan darkness ^{our} ~~the~~
~~world~~ globe was supposed to be
animated by a Being, or spirit
called anima mundi. ~~that~~
Revelation chased this error
from the world, as far it relates
to ^{our} ~~the~~ globe, but it unfortunately
left a portion of it in the
human body, under the name

of anima medica, or a self-
moving principle. ^{a belief in} ~~this opinion~~
^{this} principle has lately yielded
to a belief ~~in~~ life being an
~~effect only of impressions made~~
~~upon animal matter, the~~
doctrine is that the Creator
of the Universe
has not delegated any portion of
his self existence to matter of
any kind, whether ^{organic or} inorganic,
~~or~~ and of course that
life is the effect of impressions
only, made upon animalized
bodies. This opinion accords
perfectly with moral, &
theological truth. ~~and~~ It

is moreover the foundation
(whether admitted or not)
of all the improvements
that have been made in
medicine within the last
thirty years; And however
justly ~~exactly~~ we may object to
many of
the errors of Dr Brown's System,
of medicine, ~~to however~~
~~much we may pity the~~
~~folly of his life, his~~
Doctrine of Animal life, will
I have no doubt
rank hereafter amongst the
greatest discoveries of the
18th Century. —



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